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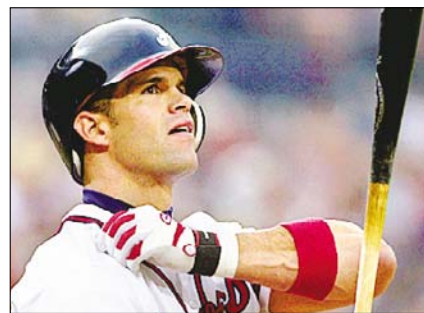
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**FAT CHANCE:** Several winners of Spain's Christmas lottery celebrate in Mallorca on Monday. Known as "El Gordo," or "the Fat One," the lottery shuns winner-take-all jackpots and instead spreads \$2.2 billion in Christmas cheer to thousands of people throughout the country.

## Terror Alert Has Metro on Guard

WASHINGTON | On the first weekday under the latest Code Orange terror alert, Metro Transit Police moved Monday to reassure riders that the system is safe.

Officers in brightly colored reflective vests patrolled stations and surrounding areas. The patrols are at rush-hour strength all day. They include bomb-sniffing dogs that check all platforms, vending machines and trash and newspaper receptacles. Some officers are now carrying automatic weapons.

The measures are standard when the country goes to a Code Orange, Transit Police Chief

Polly Hanson said. They were last put in place at the start of the Iraq war in March.

Passengers were greeted by public address announcements Monday urging them to look for and report suspicious people, unusual activities and unattended packages.

Hanson said rider cooperation is essential, and could be as simple as reminding someone on a platform that they left a package or briefcase behind. **MARTY NILAND (AP)**

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## California Shaken by 6.5 Quake

PASO ROBLES, CALIF. | An earthquake rocked California's central coast Monday and shook the state from Los Angeles to San Francisco, collapsing downtown buildings in this small town and killing at least two people.

The 11:16 a.m. quake — its magnitude measured at 6.5 — pitched the roof of Paso Robles's 1892 clock tower building into the street, crushing a row of parked cars.

It was the most powerful quake to strike California since a 7.1 quake rocked the desert near Joshua Tree more than four years ago. No one was killed in the 1999 quake.

The main shock Monday was centered in a sparsely populated area about 11 miles north of the coastal town of Cambria. It was immediately followed by at least five aftershocks larger than 3.3, the biggest of which was estimated at 4.7, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

The quake rocked the federal courthouse in San Francisco, 165 miles northwest of the epicenter. People in downtown Los Angeles, 185 miles southeast, felt a sustained rolling motion. **BRIAN SKOLOFF (AP)**



Officer Joe Ramirez walks away from the remains of a Paso Robles building after Monday's quake.

**RELATIONSHIPS | Love Hurts** Men who get married are more likely to suffer from mental health problems than those who simply shack up with their partners, researchers at London's Queen Mary University say. But the group's study of 4,000 people in Britain showed men who stay

single are most likely to suffer from depression, the BBC reports. According to the study, relationship status tends to affect women less. They reap mental health benefits from marriage, but are less likely than men to suffer problems if they stay single. **(EXPRESS) EyeOpeners** | Page 2

# EyeOpeners

## FASHION

## They Feel Pretty

It's a beauty pageant unlike any other: Young men preen themselves, dance and sing to catch the eye of the women who judge them — and who eventually choose one of them as a husband. This pageant is a yearly ritual for the Wodabe, a 125,000-strong tribe that wanders from oasis to oasis in the southern Sahara desert. Among the Wodabe, beauty is what counts — and male beauty in particular. "It is our heritage. Even our ancestors are handsome. Our women are very beautiful, and the babies they make are the most beautiful," says Derre Chafou, a past pageant winner. And their lifestyle apparently works — travelers rate the Wodabe among the happiest groups they've seen. (AP)



CHRISTINE NESBITT/AP

## JUSTICE

## Fruitful Festivities

The stockings won't be empty on Christmas in Arkansas prisons — and they won't contain lumps of coal, either. As a humane gesture, state prison officials will give each inmate two apples, two oranges and \$5 cash. The state's inmates, numbering about 13,000, also will get a traditional Christmas meal, and most will get the day off from prison work Dec. 25. The annual gift costs



the prison system between \$60,000 to \$70,000. Administrators say the expense is worth giving inmates some cheer during a tough season to be away from friends and family. (AP)

## FOOD

## Fossilized Fruitcake

A fruitcake that is an estimated 125 years old is expected to make a tasty debut of sorts when it's introduced on national TV. Morgan Ford, 83, of Tecumseh, Mich., is taking his great-grandmother Fidelia Bates's fruitcake to Burbank, Calif., to share a piece with Jay Leno on Tuesday's "Tonight Show." The family says the cake remained untouched for decades after its baker died in Berkey, Ohio, in 1879. (AP)

## HEARSAY | FALLEN

"There's an element of disbelief, to look at an airplane window in your own backyard."

— LYNN SALTER

TELLING THE AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATED PRESS ABOUT A WINDOW THAT APPARENTLY POPPED OFF AN AIRCRAFT LAST WEEK AND CRASHED INTO HER GARDEN IN PERTH, AUSTRALIA.

## ANIMAL WATCH

## Lovely Lobster

Practical jokers Jim Bright and Chris Costello never imagined that their idea of dressing a female lobster in a Barbie outfit — accessorized with pink high heels — would save her from the steam pot. But it did. Costello made a special trip to Wal-Mart to buy the outfit. As a gag, the fishermen of Mount Desert Island, Maine, clad the crustacean and placed her in a friend's trap last September. Barbie Lobster, as she has come to be known, has been hauled up — and thrown back — at least 10 times. (AP)

## HOLIDAY CHEER

## A Patriotic Light

Shirley and Mel Zandler are adding a patriotic touch to their Christmas-light display. Their usual 8,000-light extravaganza has been expanded this year by an American flag with 3,900 bulbs and a blue-light array that says "Thanx" and spells out "Greg U-S-A-F Qatar." The Wichita couple's nephew Greg is an Air Force captain, stationed in the Persian Gulf nation of Qatar. (AP)



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## In Brief

## DENVER

**Flu Season Has Peaked in Colorado, State Officials Say**

The flu outbreak in hard-hit Colorado has apparently peaked and is beginning to ease, health officials said Monday. "It appears that the increase in the number of flu cases peaked during the first week of December," said Douglas Benevento, executive director of the state health department. "Colorado should continue to register weekly decreases." The flu has killed at least 11 children and one adult in Colorado this season. (AP)

## WASHINGTON

**Sept. 11 Requests Filter In As Aid Fund Deadline Passes**

About 240 families of victims of the Sept. 11 attacks had not yet applied for federal compensation Monday afternoon as the clock ticked toward a midnight deadline. As of early Monday afternoon, 2,731 applications had been received out of an official death toll of 2,976. The fund also offers payments to those injured in the attacks. It has received 3,146 applications from those people. (AP)

## SCHAUMBURG, ILL.

**Chicago Woman Charged With Killing Adopted Son**

A suburban Chicago woman accused of beating to death the 6-year-old boy she and her husband adopted from Russia last month was ordered held on \$3 million bond Monday. Irma Pavlis was charged with two counts of first-degree murder. She admitted that she struck her son, Alex, on several occasions, police Lt. Dennis Carroll said. Carroll said Pavlis, 32, called 911 Thursday afternoon to report that the boy was not breathing. He died Friday evening of blunt head trauma, the Cook County medical examiner's office said. (AP)

## UNITED NATIONS

**U.N. Puts Security on High Alert After U.S. Warning**

The United Nations put its security staff on "high alert" Monday following the U.S. decision to raise the threat of a terrorist attack to its second-highest level. Assistant Secretary-General Andrew Toh sent an e-mail to some 5,000 staff at U.N. headquarters in New York urging them to go about their normal business but remain vigilant. (AP)

## Travelers Encounter Tighter Security

Officials are on alert, but many Americans continue daily routine

Travelers encountered tighter security at the nation's airports, train stations, bridges and highways Monday, a day after the government raised the national threat level and said attacks were possible during the holidays.

Many people shrugged off the alert, but some were nervous.

In Connecticut, state troopers were watching highway bridges and riding on commuter trains heading in and out of New York.

"It's just the government making everyone aware so if something happens, they can say, 'See, we told you,'" said Eric Kerzner, 29, of Milford, Conn., who commutes to New York. "You can't be scared."

On Sunday, the federal government raised the national terror-attack warning to "Code Orange," its second-highest level, following warnings that al Qaeda may be plotting attacks during the holidays. Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said threat indicators are



Finlay Johnson Richards, 2, of London, England, points at police officers patrolling Union Square in New York on Monday.

"perhaps greater now than at any point" since Sept. 11.

Governors across the country offered the same basic message: Although residents should be vigilant, there was no specific threat against their communities and they should stick to their holiday plans.

SETH HETTENA (AP)

## THREAT TIPS

**U.S. officials say Americans should maintain their holiday plans, but ought to take the following precautions to guard against a potential threat:**

- **Pay attention** to the news and watch for suspicious behavior.
- **Establish** an emergency contact for your family and make sure everyone knows the phone number.

- **Stay tuned** for local emergency alerts on the radio or TV.

 **Preparedness guide:** More on the increase in terror alert status and what your family can do to stay safe | [washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com)

## SNOW | HIDING OUT



**CHILLY PERCH:** A cat seeks shelter under a bird feeder during a snowstorm in Anchorage, Alaska, on Monday. More than 10 inches of snow fell in Anchorage during a 12-hour period.

## Judge Halts Military Anthrax Shots

Experimental drugs can't be forced upon troops, court rules

WASHINGTON | The Pentagon must stop forcing servicemen and women to take the anthrax vaccination against their will, unless President Bush signs a special order, a judge ruled Monday.

Millions of shots have been given and hundreds of service members

have been punished for refusing them since the mandatory vaccinations started in 1998.

The judge ruled that the anthrax vaccinations fell under a 1998 law prohibiting the use of certain experimental drugs unless people being given the drug consent or the president waives the consent requirement.

Congress passed the law following fears that the use of such drugs may have led to unexplained

illnesses among veterans of the 1991 Persian Gulf War that have come to be known as Gulf War Syndrome.

The Pentagon had no immediate comment.

Judge Emmet G. Sullivan of the United States District Court in Washington rejected the government concern that military discipline would be harmed if courts intervene between soldiers and their military superiors.

PAULINE JELINEK (AP)

## HEARSAY | SAFETY

"His ability to commit murder again and again highlights the incredible flaws in the system."

—SEN. FRANK LAUTENBERG (D-N.J.)  
CALLING FOR A MEDICAL HIRING DATABASE TO AVOID CASES LIKE THAT OF CHARLES CULLEN, THE NURSE WHO CLAIMED HE KILLED 40 PATIENTS.

## Poll: Bush Scores Big Year-End Boost

WASHINGTON | Fueled by growing optimism about the economy and increasing support for the war in Iraq, support for President Bush showed a sharp year-end spike, a new Washington Post-ABC News poll says.

The president's overall approval rating stands at 59 percent in the poll, the highest since August.

The poll also showed former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean beating his Democratic opponents, but failing to best Bush in a hypothetical election. If the election were held today, 55 percent would vote for Bush, 37 percent for Dean. (EXPRESS)

 **By the numbers:** More on the poll and what it means for the election | Today's Washington Post, A Section.

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## Nation

### Ill. Gov. Wants to Explore Buying Canadian Drugs

Proposed program would allow imports of prescription refills

CHICAGO | Hoping to save money on prescription drugs, Gov. Rod Blagojevich asked for federal permission Monday to set up a pilot program that would import medications from Canada.

Blagojevich said the new federal Medicare bill gives the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services the authority to waive the rules against bringing in drugs from outside the country in order to set up a pilot program. He sent a letter to Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson asking for a decision within 30 days.

The Democratic governor pro-

posed several safeguards to help alleviate worries about the quality of drugs bought in other countries.

The state would develop a list of drugs, all approved by the Food and Drug Administration, that could be imported. All prescriptions would be filled by an Illinois pharmacist first, and only refills could be imported. The program would be voluntary for the state's 230,000 state employees and retirees.

New Hampshire and Boston have announced plans to buy prescription drugs from Canada as a way to cut costs, and Springfield, Mass., is already allowing its employees to do so. But Blagojevich, while continuing to push to overturn the federal ban on importing lower-priced drugs from Canada, has said he will not break the law. MAURA KELLY (AP)

#### HOLIDAY SPIRIT | POINTS OF LIGHT



**MOMENT OF REFLECTION:** President Bush takes part in the lighting of the Menorah during a ceremony marking the Jewish celebration of Hanukkah at the White House on Monday. During the ceremony, the president expressed his hope that all people who live under oppression will one day be free.

### Airports Prepare to Track Foreigners

DALLAS | Major U.S. airports and seaports are preparing to begin using fingerprints and photographs to keep track of when foreigners enter the country and when they leave.

The program, to be up and running on Jan. 5 at all 115 airports that handle international flights, will let Customs officials instantly check an immigrant or visitor's criminal background.

The program, called US-VISIT, or U.S. Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology, will check an estimated 24 million foreigners each year, though some will be repeat visitors.

The program will also be in place at 14 seaports where international ships dock. Photographs will be used to help create a database for law enforcement. (AP)

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# World

## Pakistan Questions Top Scientist

Country says others may have given away nuclear know-how

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | Pakistan has questioned the founder of its nuclear program as part of its investigations into whether any of its scientists have proliferated sensitive technology, the foreign ministry said Monday.

Scientist Abdul Qadeer Khan is not in custody but was questioned in connection with "the ongoing debriefing sessions" of a "very small number of scientists," ministry spokesman Masood Khan said. Officials have declined to give details about the "in-house" investigations and what allegations the scientists faced.

Pakistan's government has strongly denied allegations it spread nuclear technology to countries such as Iran, North Korea and Libya but acknowledged Monday the possibility that scientists may have acted without authorization.

"Some individuals may have been doing something on their own," said Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed. SADAQAT JAN (AP)



Bodyguards help Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher, center, leave the al Aqsa Mosque compound in Jerusalem's Old City on Monday. Witnesses say Muslim extremists tried to assault Maher as he prayed at the mosque, Islam's third-holiest site.

## Egyptian Official Assaulted

Palestinian militants besiege emissary as he tries to pray at mosque

JERUSALEM | Muslim extremists attacked the visiting Egyptian foreign minister as he tried to pray at a key Jerusalem holy site Monday, overshadowing his efforts to restart peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians.

Ahmed Maher appeared badly

shaken as he was whisked out of the compound as protesters hurled shoes and shouted at him. Israeli rescue workers treated him for a half hour before he was transferred to Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital. He left the hospital four hours after the incident and returned to Cairo.

Witnesses said the protesters, several dozen in number, shouted at Maher, "You're not welcome here!" and charged that Egypt was helping Israel oppress the Palestinians.

Earlier in the day, Maher met with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who indicated that Israel would respond positively to a ceasefire by Palestinian militants, officials said. In the past Israel has said a truce was not enough and the groups must be dismantled.

It was a rare assault on an official from a Muslim country at the site revered as the place where the Prophet Muhammad ascended to heaven. MARK LAVIE (AP)

## In Brief

### COLOMBIA

#### Rebels Release 5 Hostages

Rebels released four Israelis and a Briton Monday after holding them for 101 days in the mountains of northern Colombia. Gunmen from the National Liberation Army, known as the ELN, said they kidnapped the foreign backpackers to raise awareness about the alleged hardship inflicted by outlawed right-wing paramilitaries and the army on the mainly Indian inhabitants of the Sierra Nevada. (AP)

### FRANCE

#### World's Largest Ocean Liner, 21 Stories High, Sets Sail

Inaugurating its reign as the world's largest ocean liner, the Queen Mary 2 sliced into the dark waters of the Atlantic off the coast of France on Monday. The ship will dock in its British home port of Southampton later this week. Some 800 companies, mostly French, were involved in building the ship. It is 1,138 feet long and 238 feet high — as tall as a 21-story building — and can accommodate 2,600 passengers. (AP)



The Queen Mary 2 is towed from its dock in western France on Monday.

## Bomb Kills 2 GIs in Iraq; Hunt for Rebels Persists

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Assailants detonated a roadside bomb near a U.S. military convoy in Baghdad on Monday, killing two American soldiers and an Iraqi translator.

Two other soldiers from the 1st Armored Division were wounded in the attack in Baghdad.

Meanwhile, a U.S. commander said soldiers in Baghdad had captured several top rebel leaders.

"In this past week alone we have captured nine senior leaders in the former regime network," Brig. Gen. Mark Hertling of the 1st Armored

Division wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "We have intel on about a dozen more, and we are pursuing them," Hertling added.

In Moscow, Russian President Vladimir Putin told members of Iraq's U.S.-appointed Governing Council that Russia was ready to write off more than half of the \$8 billion that Baghdad owes Moscow, its largest creditor. The debt is part of approximately \$41 billion owed to the so-called Paris Club group.

Iraq's overall debt is about \$120 million. (AP)

### JORDAN | SANTA PAUSE



**LITTLE MEN:** A veiled woman inspects Santa decorations at a toy store in Amman, Jordan's capital, on Monday. Christians make up 4 percent of the country's population of 5 million.

## Communist China Votes to Protect Private Property

BEIJING | Under a constitutional amendment proposed Monday, millions of Chinese who have plunged into capitalism by starting businesses will be guaranteed the right to own private property for the first time since the 1949 revolution.

China's banks now lend almost solely to state-run companies, seeing private firms as too risky. But with their private property protected, businesses could use it as collateral to get loans. The change would be a great boost to those once considered communism's enemies.

Proposed by communist leaders, the amendment's approval by the legislature is a formality. (AP)

### GERMANY

#### Skinhead Rockers Convicted

Three members of Landser, a German skinhead rock band, were convicted Monday of forming a criminal group that spread hate against Jews and foreigners in their songs, a ruling that prosecutors hailed as a precedent in efforts to crack down on neo-Nazi music. Landser CDs include "Ran an den Feind," or "Get the enemy," where the title song calls for bombing Israel. Other tunes glorify Rudolf Hess, a top aide to Adolf Hitler. (AP)



**How to win Sunni friends:** U.S. diplomats and civilian officials in Iraq are effectively implementing their own policies to win over Sunni leaders | Today's Post: Section A

## Local

# Jury Mulls Malvo's Fate

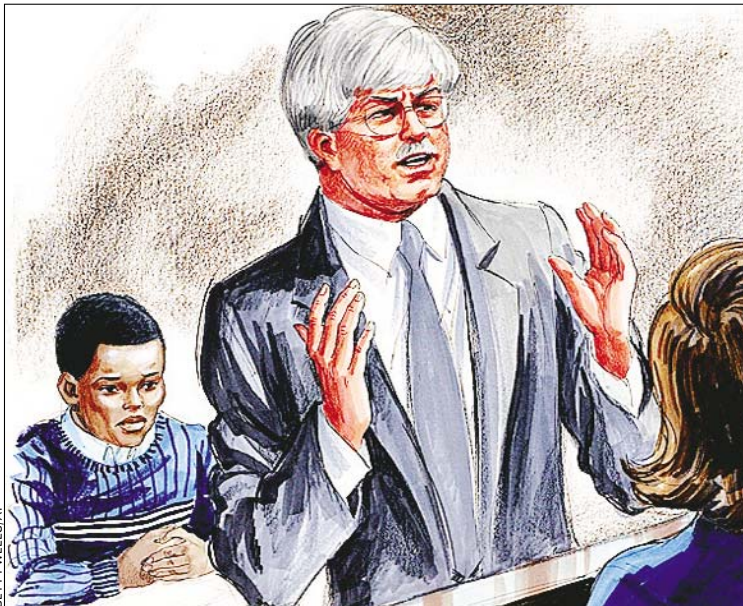
CHESAPEAKE, VA. | A jury began deciding Monday whether Lee Boyd Malvo should live or die for his part in the Washington sniper attacks after his lawyer argued that the young man had fallen under the control of his twisted mentor, John Allen Muhammad.

Jurors met for three hours without reaching a decision; they were to resume deliberations Tuesday.

Malvo, 18, was found guilty last week of murder in the killing of FBI analyst Linda Franklin. Malvo was 17 at the time.

Last month, a jury in Virginia Beach convicted Muhammad, 42, of murder and recommended the death penalty.

During Malvo's trial, his lawyers mounted an insanity defense, claiming indoctrination by Muhammad left him incapable of telling right from wrong. The jury rejected that defense, but it formed the basis of the attempt by Malvo's lawyers to save his life in the penalty phase of the case. "Children are not born



Defense attorney Craig Cooley makes his closing arguments in Lee Boyd Malvo's trial.

evil. When they commit evil acts, you can almost always trace the acts to the evil that has been performed against them," defense attorney Craig Cooley said.

Prosecutor Robert F. Horan Jr.

argued that Muhammad's influence makes Malvo no less culpable. SONJA BARISIC (AP)

**Nearing the end:** For details on Monday's arguments in Lee Boyd Malvo's trial | [washingtonpost.com/metro](http://washingtonpost.com/metro)

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**NEW LAW?** Delegate Carmen Amedori, R-Carroll, and Neil Quinter, D-Howard, plan to introduce separate bills next month seeking to make serial killers eligible for the death penalty in Maryland. (AP)

## Pilot Accused of Being Drunk Posts \$25K Bond

LEESBURG, VA. | A pilot accused of showing up drunk to fly a plane from Washington to London was released from jail Monday after posting \$25,000 bond and surrendering his passport.

Richard George Harwell refused to talk to reporters while leaving the jail in Leesburg, Va. Hours earlier, the Virgin Atlantic Airways pilot appeared on a closed circuit television link from jail, where he had been since his arrest late Friday at Washington Dulles

International Airport.

Security screeners alerted airport police after detecting alcohol on Harwell's breath, an airport spokeswoman said. Officers escorted Harwell off the plane — which passengers had not yet boarded — and questioned him before charging him with attempting to operate an aircraft while under the influence of an intoxicating drug or alcohol. The felony carries a maximum five years in prison and up to a \$2,500 fine. CANDACE SMITH (AP)

## Customers Return to Brentwood

WASHINGTON | Customers returned Monday to the Brentwood mail facility for the first time since anthrax contamination closed it more than two years ago.

The building opened its retail counter, another step toward the complete reopening of the facility. U.S. Postal Service officials expect

that to happen by mid-February, when a full complement of 1,700 employees will return.

At a ceremony Sunday, the building was officially renamed the Joseph Curseen, Jr. and Thomas Morris, Jr. Processing and Distribution Center, in honor of the anthrax victims who died in 2001. (AP)

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# Money

## In Brief

### RETAIL

#### KB Toys Admits Financial Outlook Appears Uncertain

Less than three weeks after FAO Schwarz filed for bankruptcy protection, KB Toys is in distress. The retailer confirmed it has held off making its December payment to its toy and videogame suppliers because of slack sales. The company also said it is assessing its cash position and prospects for the coming year, prompting some analysts to predict a shaky future. (wsj)

### ASBESTOS

#### Insurers Challenge Size of Halliburton Claim Settlement

Twenty insurance companies want a judge to dismiss a bankruptcy of several Halliburton subsidiaries that is a key to the company's \$4 billion settlement of all current and future asbestos claims. The insurers said the per-claim average settlement in asbestos cases is \$920, while the \$2.775 billion expected from Halliburton insurers would average nearly \$7,000 per claim. (AP)

# Bulletproof Vest Maker Draws Fire

## Reliability of product called into question

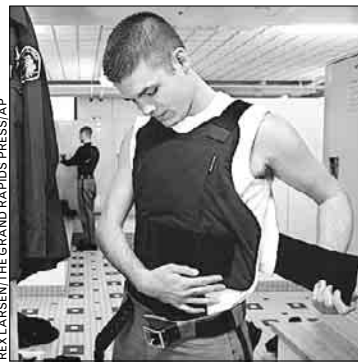
CENTRAL LAKE, MICH. | Richard Davis invented a flexible, concealable type of body armor after taking a bullet while delivering a pizza. He vouched for his products by donning them and shooting himself — nearly 200 times in three decades.

The company he founded in 1972, Second Chance Body Armor Inc., became the nation's biggest supplier of bulletproof vests to law enforcement agencies.

Now, Second Chance is drawing fire of a different sort: allegations that its vests are defective.

The accusations raise questions about the reliability of body armor worn by thousands of police officers around the nation.

The controversy has generated at least six lawsuits, as well as fed-



Sheriff's deputy Patrick Kent prepares for patrol in Grand Rapids, Mich.

eral and state investigations.

One lawsuit names Second Chance in the shooting death of a California police officer last July. The latest case was filed last week by the state of Arkansas, demanding a \$454,000 refund for 557 vests.

Second Chance, whose slogan is "We save lives," denies it has acted irresponsibly. JOHN FLESHER (AP)

## Canadian Bank Pays \$80M Over Enron

WASHINGTON | A Canadian bank agreed to pay \$80 million to settle regulatory allegations of helping Enron Corp. manipulate its finances and defraud investors, the Securities and Exchange Commission announced Monday.

Under the agreement, the

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce is neither admitting or denying wrongdoing, the SEC said.

The SEC said that between June 1998 and October 2001, the bank and Enron structured 34 financings as "asset sales" for accounting and financing reporting purposes.

That allowed the energy giant to hide from investors and rating agencies the true extent of its borrowings, the SEC said.

Enron used these loans to increase earnings by more than \$1 billion, to increase operating cash flow by almost \$2 billion and to avoid disclosure of more than \$2.6 billion in debt. (AP)

## Market Action

### New York Stock Exchange

#### Gainers

| STOCK      | LAST  | DAILY CHANGE | DAILY PERCENT CHANGE |
|------------|-------|--------------|----------------------|
| WHX        | 3.06  | +45          | +17.2                |
| RotoRooter | 51.78 | +7.26        | +16.3                |
| WhitehallJ | 10.17 | +1.33        | +15.0                |
| EDO        | 24.43 | +2.95        | +13.7                |
| FordM      | 16.79 | +1.55        | +10.2                |

#### Losers

|            |       |       |       |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|
| dj Ortho   | 23.90 | -4.74 | -16.6 |
| Omnova     | 4.31  | -.43  | -9.1  |
| Titan Intl | 3.05  | -.29  | -8.7  |
| NamTai s   | 28.36 | -2.26 | -7.4  |
| Revlon     | 2.32  | -.18  | -7.2  |

### Rates

|                 | CURRENT | PREVIOUS WEEK |
|-----------------|---------|---------------|
| Prime Rate      | 4.00    | 4.00          |
| Fed Funds close | 1.00    | 1.0625        |
| 3-month         | 0.86    | 0.89          |
| 2-year          | 1.82    | 1.83          |
| 10-year         | 4.17    | 4.26          |
| 30-year         | 4.98    | 5.10          |

### NASDAQ Stock Market

#### Gainers

| STOCK    | LAST  | DAILY CHANGE | DAILY PERCENT CHANGE |
|----------|-------|--------------|----------------------|
| Esperion | 34.53 | +11.83       | +52.1                |
| Dynacq   | 5.50  | +1.41        | +34.5                |
| Bluef y  | 3.47  | +73          | +26.6                |
| Biopure  | 2.93  | +59          | +25.2                |
| FocusEn  | 2.40  | +44          | +22.4                |

#### Losers

|          |       |       |       |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|
| InspPhar | 13.14 | -3.21 | -19.6 |
| NetServs | 2.53  | -.43  | -14.5 |
| TEL Off  | 6.32  | -1.01 | -13.8 |
| Oglebay  | 3.85  | -.59  | -13.3 |
| Simclar  | 2.30  | -.32  | -12.2 |

### Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

|                  | TODAY   | PREVIOUS DAY | YEAR AGO |
|------------------|---------|--------------|----------|
| British Pound    | .5671   | .5659        | .6238    |
| Canadian Dollar  | 1.3314  | 1.3379       | 1.5519   |
| European Euro    | .8057   | .8074        | .9738    |
| Japanese Yen     | 107.51  | 107.78       | 120.37   |
| Mexican Peso     | 11.3020 | 11.2290      | 10.2040  |
| Taiwanese Dollar | 34.05   | 34.05        | 34.85    |

### DOW NASDAQ S&P 500

|          |         |         |
|----------|---------|---------|
|          |         |         |
| +59.78   | +4.78   | +4.28   |
| +0.58    | +0.24   | +0.39   |
| 10338.00 | 1955.80 | 1092.94 |

### Biotech Stocks

| STOCK     | LAST  | DAILY CHANGE | YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE |
|-----------|-------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Amersham  | 67.30 | -.28         | +51.6                       |
| Amgen     | 61.16 | -.69         | +26.5                       |
| ApplBio   | 20.60 | ...          | +17.4                       |
| BiogenIdc | 36.82 | -.66         | +11.0                       |
| Celgene   | 43.38 | -.10         | +102.0                      |
| Chiron    | 56.06 | +.30         | +49.1                       |
| Genentech | 92.07 | +.11         | +177.7                      |
| Genzyme   | 48.18 | -.22         | +62.9                       |
| GileadSci | 59.62 | +.22         | +75.4                       |
| IMS Hlth  | 24.70 | +.26         | +54.4                       |
| LabCp     | 35.80 | +.10         | +54.0                       |
| MedImun   | 25.57 | -.18         | -5.9                        |
| MillPhar  | 18.29 | +.60         | +130.4                      |
| Monsnto   | 27.44 | +1.00        | +42.5                       |
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## Sports

# Lopez Catches on With Baltimore

Orioles' rebuilding effort continues with signing

**PRO BASEBALL** | Javy Lopez agreed to a \$22.5 million, three-year deal with Baltimore on Monday, giving the Orioles a big hitter and another addition to their rebuilding program.

The deal for the All-Star catcher is contingent on the free agent passing a team physical Tuesday.

"Javy was the targeted guy that we were looking at in the process and he's thrilled to be aboard," Orioles vice president Mike Flanagan said.

Lopez, 33, hit .328 last season for the Atlanta Braves, with 43 homers and 109 RBIs, both career highs. It was his best year since 1998, when he hit .284 with 34 homers and 106 RBIs.

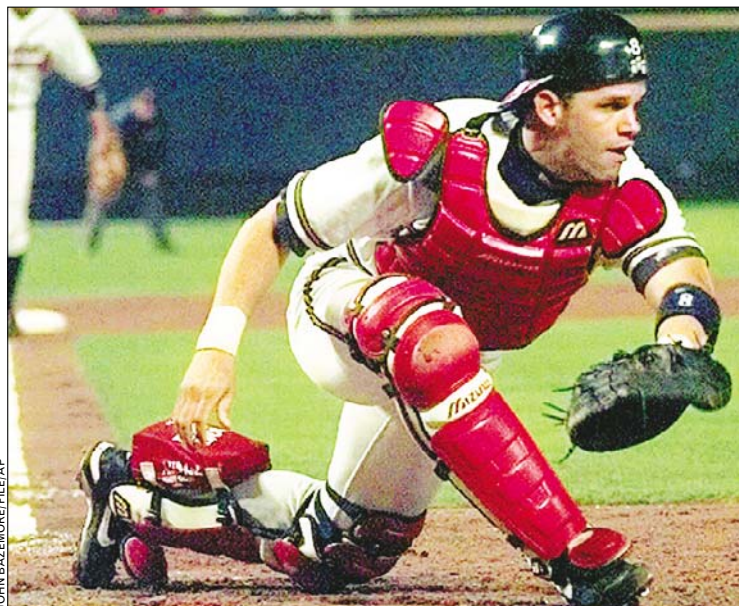
Baltimore already has added shortstop Miguel Tejada. The 2002 AL Most Valuable Player agreed a week ago to a \$72 million, six-year contract.

Team officials have also been speaking with the agent of outfielder Vladimir Guerrero. Flanagan said those talks will continue through the holidays.

Before reaching the deal with Lopez, there had also been negotiations with prominent free agent catcher Ivan Rodriguez.

"Javy was the targeted guy for some time," Flanagan said. **FOSTER KLUG (AP)**

**Progress:** Thomas Boswell says the Orioles made the right choice in signing Javy Lopez | Today's Post, Sports



Catcher Javy Lopez signed a three-year contract with the rebuilding Baltimore Orioles on Monday. Baltimore also hopes to sign Vladimir Guerrero and a pitcher.

## In Brief

### **PRO BASKETBALL** Rodman Signs With ABA Team

Former NBA star Dennis Rodman has signed a contract to play with the Long Beach Jam of the American Basketball Association in an attempt to revive his career. Rodman, who last played in the NBA in 2000 with the Dallas Mavericks, likely will play his first game for the Jam in mid-January, according to Steve Chase, president of the ABA first-year franchise. **(AP)**

### **MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL** Connecticut Holds On to Top Spot in Latest AP Poll

For a change, there was no change at the top of The Associated Press men's college basketball poll. After four straight weeks of new No. 1s, Connecticut held on to the top spot Monday after winning its only game last week by 50 points over Iona. For the second straight week, No. 2 Kentucky had more first-place votes than Connecticut, but the Huskies received more points from the national media panel. Duke remained third. **(AP)**

**SIDELINED:** Karl Malone will miss at least three games because of a sprained knee ligament, a rare injury for the Lakers' forward. He has missed only 11 games in 18-plus NBA seasons. **(AP)**

## Spurrier Says He Needs To Be More Consistent

**PRO FOOTBALL** | After a season of vacillations and backtracking, Steve Spurrier was asked whether he needs to deliver a more consistent message.

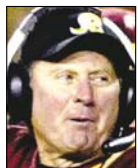
He agreed. Eight times.

"Consistent message?" Spurrier said. "Oh, yeah. Yeah.

You're right. You're right. ... You're right. No question. I agree. I agree with you."

By then, the Washington Redskins coach had walked from his podium and was completely out the door, having made another awkward retreat to end his Monday news conference.

He did add a parting shot, just as



Spurrier

the door was being shut. "Who are we going to play, though," he said, "if we bench them all?"

While those series of words might not say much on their own, they are the latest indication that Spurrier will try to overhaul his coaching style next season. He has been giving hints for weeks that he will be a tougher coach, adding a firmer message and much-needed discipline to a team that has struggled for direction.

But Spurrier isn't willing to go into detail about any changes until this season is over. That means Saturday's season finale against Philadelphia needs to get out of the way before the suspense can be lifted. **JOSEPH WHITE (AP)**

### TODAY'S TV LINEUP

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL** (7:30 on ESPN) Two of the best non-BCS teams play when TCU faces Boise State in the Fort Worth Bowl in Texas.

**PRO BASKETBALL** (7:30 p.m. on WB50) The Washington Wizards and Miami Heat begin a home-and-home series.

**PRO HOCKEY** (7 p.m. on NewsChannel 8) The Washington Capitals try to shake

off Sunday's loss to the Islanders when hosting the Montreal Canadiens.

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL** (9 p.m. on ESPN2) Top 25 programs Illinois and Missouri play a non-conference game.

**PRO BASKETBALL** (7:30 p.m. on WGN) The New Jersey Nets try to reclaim the lead in the Atlantic division with a win over the Chicago Bulls.



Isiah Thomas was named president of the New York Knicks on Monday.

## Knicks' Shakeup Leaves Thomas In Charge of Team

**PRO BASKETBALL** | Scott Layden was fired Monday as president of the New York Knicks and Isiah Thomas was hired to replace him.

The move comes after New York missed the playoffs the past two seasons with a roster largely assembled by Layden. The Knicks are 10-18 this year, and speculation centered on coach Don Chaney possibly losing his job.

Instead, the odd man out is Layden, who replaced Ernie Grunfeld in 1999 after the Knicks were coming off an appearance in the NBA Finals.

Thomas has been out of the NBA since being fired over the summer by the Indiana Pacers, where he was the coach for three seasons. **(AP)**

LIVE ONLINE

## Chat House

From [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://www.washingtonpost.com/liveonline)

Washington Post columnist

**MICHAEL WILBON** was online Monday discussing the Washington Redskins and other news in the sports world.

**What have you heard about Redskins coach Steve Spurrier going to Miami? Do you think there is any truth to it or is it a wild rumor?**

It's too early for truth because Dave Wannstedt is still coach of the Dolphins. I heard the rumor, but I don't know what it means. And trust me, we are going to hear a lot more rumors over the next couple of weeks before Spurrier's situation for next year is resolved.

**Who is the coach of the year?**

**Bill Parcells? Marvin Lewis? Bill Belichick? I say Parcells, but only by a nose. If Lewis gets the Bengals into the playoffs, then I think he should be coach of the year.**

I could not agree with you more. I think at the moment I would say Parcells, Lewis, Belichick. But if the Bengals win the AFC North, it appears to be impossible to me not to make Lewis the guy. The Cowboys were obviously bad, but the Bengals were hopeless.

**Sports Illustrated recently awarded their Sportsman of the Year award to the San Antonio Spurs' David Robinson and Tim Duncan. Do you agree with that pick?**

I would never disagree with that pick. I've been covering Robinson's career since he was a freshman at the Naval Academy. And I long ago came to not only respect and admire him as a sportsman, but as a man. I don't know Duncan nearly as well. But I applaud that selection. ... In fact, I give it a standing ovation. At a time where we all see sports personalities who disappoint us, I don't know how anyone could criticize the selection of Robinson and Duncan who are, from everything I know, exactly who they appear to be.

I can easily make the case for Annika Sorenstam. What she accomplished also had great cultural relevance. Obviously I'm referring to her ability to compete with men at a time when Augusta National members see this as some sort of affront to their manhood or their club.

# Hail, Victoriana

**Alan Moore's graphic novels send up lurid adventure series**

**COMICS** | Even self-professed comic book ignorami have read Alan Moore — either his seminal, extraordinary “Watchmen,” or “From Hell,” both of which took comics to new levels.

Moore's “The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen,” the first volume of which was mangled into an unwittingly parodic action flick this summer, is headed, in the comic book, by Wilhemina “Mina” Murray (of “Dracula”) with Allan Quartermain (“King Solomon's Mines,” et al.); Dr. Jeckyll/Mr. Hyde (from Stevenson's novella); Captain Nemo (in his originally intended Verneian guise: a Sikh); and Hawley Griffin (of H.G. Wells's “The Invisible Man”).

Taking copyright-expired Victorian characters and clustering them into a league to fight villainy is not only an inspired notion, but the recipe for damn good adventure.

In “Vol. II” (DC Comics), beautifully illustrated by Kevin O'Neill, Martians land in the English countryside, scorch the earth, form an unlikely alliance and move on to London. To the Nautilus, Nemo and Hyde! Mina and Quartermain go find Dr. Moreau, who has a powerful weapon.



**MARS ATTACKS:** Moore's vision of England at its peak of imperialist self-delusion (even when beset by super-villains and aliens) is scathing, touching and very funny.

It makes for some fun reading, especially as the artwork is superb, with fantastically detailed large panels and a good deal of mature (sophisticated, although not prurient) content. This is not a comic for children, even though its cliffhanging installments and bumpers play up the boyish delights of adventure narrative.

Appended to the tale's end is a long series of adventure stories reportedly unearthed by Mina, which gives Moore another chance to display his prose talents.

While the ending to “Vol. II” could be seen as predictable (with a “pertinent” twist), it's still a dark piece of work: Many innocent Londoners die, and the overt skepticism about the motives and actions of those in power is evident.

One superb element is the grand

**Taking Victorian characters and clustering them into a league to fight villainy is inspired.**

and grubby Victorian serial manner — a blend of high and low, the noble and depraved, where the reality of vampiric scarring on Mina's neck shocks the aged Quartermain, and the deranged sexuality of Griffin is pitted against the “justice” of the oversized Hyde.

Fast-paced adventure, cool art, fine writing — “League, Vol. II” has it all. It's a great gift for someone looking to break into comics, or for someone with a prior fascination who hasn't grabbed this collection already. **DAVID PODGURSKI (THE STAMFORD ADVOCATE)**

## Top Stops

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### Preaching to the Choir: Millionaire Reverends

**I** They've come to save your soul but you just might end up selling it to them — or heck, just giving it away. The Millionaire Reverends are part rock, part gospel and all Word of the Almighty Groove, with “Jesus” on vocals.

*Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; 9 p.m., \$5; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)*

### Opera House Bash: Kirov Kickoff

**2** The Kirov Ballet brings its glorious “Nutcracker” — a more authentic (read: darker) interpretation of E.T.A. Hoffmann's original story than we're used to — to inaugurate the opening of the newly renovated Kennedy Center Opera House.

*Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 7:30 p.m., \$45-\$110; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)*



The Queen of the Snowflakes reigns in the Kirov's elaborate “Nutcracker.”

### Seasonal Sounds: Washington Chorus

**3** Unclaimed seats for the Kennedy Center's annual “Messiah” blowout will be handed out on a first-come, first-served basis, but if you don't want to battle the crowds at this event, try the less interactive delights of The Washington Chorus's “Music for Christmas.”

*Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 1:30 p.m., \$17-\$51; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)*

*Continued on page 12*

# Mountain Music

**MUSIC** | T Bone Burnett is at it again. First he struck gold with the best-selling soundtrack to “O Brother, Where Art Thou?” in 2001, which re-established the careers of many bluegrass stars. This was followed by the Cajun-flavored “Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood” last year; now Burnett's back with “Cold Mountain: Music From the Miramax Motion Picture” (Sony).

This time the era is the Civil War. The formula is the same, with various modern-day musicians interpreting mostly 19th-

century American blues, gospel, folk and country tunes.

And, like the past two soundtracks, “Cold Mountain” is a success.

Bluegrass violinist Alison Krauss scores with her ethereal takes on two new songs written for the soundtrack, “The Scarlet Tide,” by Elvis Costello, and “You Will Be My Ain True Love,” by Sting.

Jack White of the White Stripes is the most prominent modern rock artist, taking the lead on five songs, including the standards “Sitting on Top of the World,” “Wayfaring Stranger” and “Great High Mountain.”

Deserving special note is the mesmerizing a cappella work of the Sacred Harp Singers at Liberty Church in Alabama. Their gripping performance on the traditional song “I'm Going Home” stops you in your tracks.

SCOTT BAUER (AP)



**LAST CHANCE:** This season's last two Nutcracker Teas take place today. Ritz-Carlton Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean; 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., \$45 per person, reservations required; 703-917-5498.



Alison Krauss puts her ethereal spin on tunes by two modern rockers.

# Entertainment

## Screen Stuffers

**TELEVISION** | It's time to open up our sack of holiday gifts and hand them out to a few special people both on TV and watching it:

Saddam Hussein needs head-to-toe attention from "Extreme Makeover."

Paris Hilton and Nicole Richie of Fox's "The Simple Life" each deserve a gift certificate from Wal-Mart, to disabuse them of their notion that the only things for sale there are "wall stuff."

For new father David Letterman, a copy of the bedtime classic "Goodnight Moon," inscribed for reciting from cue cards.

And going out to the audience from NBC (proud home of "super-sized" programming), more not-so-big fare in supersized packages with lots of promotional filler.



**WE ARE THE WORLD; WE ARE THE FAME-HOS:** The winners of various international "Idol" television contests gather for a massive tontine-war this week on Fox.

In the meantime, a few holiday shows to look out for:

The fifth annual "A Home for the Holidays" (Tue., 8 p.m., CBS) celebrates the joys of adoption. Among the guests: No Doubt, Sheryl Crow, Mary J. Blige, Mya and Enrique Iglesias, along with Lauren Holly (an adoptive parent) and Jamie Foxx (who is adopted).

What's bigger than "American Idol"? "World Idol" (Thu., 8 p.m., Fox), which finds U.S. winner Kelly Clarkson battling it out with winners from 10 other countries for the world crown. On this special broadcast (the first half of the competition), viewers from around the globe will be able to vote for their favorite performers.

James Brown, Carol Burnett, Loretta Lynn, Mike Nichols and Itzhak Perlman are saluted on "The 26th Annual Kennedy Center Honors: A Celebration of the Performing Arts" (Fri., 9 p.m., CBS). Among those in attendance: President Bush and first lady Laura Bush. **FRAZIER MOORE (AP)**

## TopStops

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### All Is Vanity: 'New Clothes' Sings

**4** Ric Averell adapted the hilarious and instructional children's fable "The Emperor's New Clothes" into a sumptuously staged opera for the delectation of kids and grownups alike. Through Sun., Dec. 28.

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; today's performance 3 p.m., \$14; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)



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# Entertainment

## ON TV TONIGHT

### HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

**ON STAGE AT THE KENNEDY CENTER: A HOLIDAY CONCERT FOR THE TROOPS WITH MARVIN HAMLISCH** (8 p.m., PBS) offers a medley of seasonal favorites performed before an audience of U.S. servicemen and servicewomen. And not all of the military personnel are in the balcony — the Army Chorus sings "Silent Night." Other talent on hand includes Kathy Mattea, Cyndi Lauper and Broadway star Mark McVey.



Marvin Hamlisch leads a roster of stars in a holiday concert for the troops.

### OLD SENSATION

**THE TABLOID EYE** (1 p.m. and 7 p.m., History) looks back at the unique brand of sensational journalism that flourished in the first half of the 20th century, before the advent of television.

"Eye" concentrates its focus on the New York Daily News, founded in 1919. The paper soon became the nation's most popular by combining screaming headlines, snappy copy and lurid photography to give eager readers a glance at the seamier side of life in the place legendary photographer Weegee called "The Naked City."

**THE NIGHTMARE ON CHRISTMAS THAT '70S SHOW** (8 p.m., Fox) Red plays Santa.

### TREE? WHAT TREE?

**MR. MAGOO'S CHRISTMAS CAROL** (11 a.m., Cartoon Network) The voice of Jim Backus animates the 1962 cartoon special starring everyone's favorite half-blind grouch. It features memorable songs by composer Jule Styne and lyricist Bob Merrill, best known for their score to the musical "Funny Girl."

### CULT CHOICE

**EDTV** (9 p.m., TBS) Matthew McConaughey stars in the 1999 come-

dy, director Ron Howard's perceptive, amusing and prophetic take on reality television.

### PLUG-O-RAMA

**LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN** (11:35 p.m., CBS) Renee Zellweger and Darlene Love.

**THE TONIGHT SHOW** (11:35 p.m., NBC) Kirk Franklin.

**LATENIGHT WITH CONAN O'BRIEN** (12:35 a.m., NBC) Julia Stiles and Marc Maron.

**THE LATE, LATE SHOW WITH CRAIG KILBORN** (12:37 a.m., CBS) Juliette Lewis and Kathryn Morris. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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| CINEPLEX ODEON MARLOW 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | CINEPLEX ODEON WHITE FLINT 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | LOEWS WHEATON PLAZA 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | CINEPLEX ODEON TYSONS FAIRFAX SQUARE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <b>MARLOW HEIGHTS SHOPPING CENTER</b><br><b>301-423-1014</b><br>* HONEY (PG-13) (3:40) 6:30 9:20<br>* LOVE DON'T COST (PG-13) (3:25) 6:15 9:40<br>* RETURN OF THE KING (PG-13) (3:00) 8:00<br>* STUCK ON YOU (PG-13) (4:00) 6:40 9:30<br>HAUNTED MANSION (PG) (3:50) 6:05 8:30<br>BAD SANTA (R) (3:10) 6:50 9:00                                                                       | <b>NORTH BETHESDA</b><br><b>301-881-5216</b><br>LAST SAMURAI (R) (10:30 1:45) 6:10 9:30<br>LOVE ACTUALLY (R) (11:00 2:45) 6:50 9:45<br>MASTER & COMMANDER (PG-13) (11:30 3:15) 7:10<br>RETURN OF THE KING (PG-13) (10:00 2:15) 6:30 10:45<br>MONA LISA SMILE (PG-13) (12:00 3:45) 7:30 10:15<br>TIMELINE (PG-13) 10:00                                                                                                           | <b>WHEATON PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER.</b><br>VIERS MILL RD BTWN. GEORGIA & UNIVERSITY ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CIRCUIT CITY BUILDING<br><b>301-949-9202</b><br>* RETURN OF THE KING (PG-13) (ON 2 SCREENS) (10:00 12:00 2:15 5:00) 6:30 9:30 10:45<br>* LOVE DON'T COST (PG-13) (11:30 2:00 4:20) 7:00 9:50<br>LAST SAMURAI (R) (11:20 3:00) 6:20 9:40<br>CAT IN THE HAT (PG) (12:40)<br>* HONEY (PG-13) (2:50 5:40) 8:00 10:10<br>ELF (PG) (10:30 1:10 3:30) 6:10 9:00<br>HAUNTED MANSION (PG) (10:40 1:00 3:30 5:20) 7:20 9:20<br>BAD SANTA (R) (12:20 2:40 5:30) 7:40 10:00<br>* SOMETHING GOTTA GIVE (PG-13) (10:20 1:20 4:10) 6:50 10:10<br>* STUCK ON YOU (PG-13) (11:40 2:30 5:10) 7:50 10:30<br>* MONA LISA SMILE (PG-13) (11:00 1:50 4:30) 7:30 10:20 | <b>8065 LEESBURG PIKE</b><br><b>703-506-9857</b><br>RETURN OF THE KING (PG-13) (10:00 2:15) 6:30 10:20<br>MONA LISA SMILE (PG-13) (DTS DIGITAL) (11:10 1:40 4:20) 7:10 9:40<br>MASTER & COMMANDER (PG-13) (DTS DIGITAL) (11:30 2:50) 7:00 9:55<br>LAST SAMURAI (R) (DTS DIGITAL) (10:50 2:40) 6:20 9:50<br>ELF (PG) (DTS DIGITAL) (10:20 12:50 3:30) 6:10 8:30<br>SOMETHING GOTTA GIVE (PG-13) (10:40 1:30 4:30) 7:15 10:00<br>STUCK ON YOU (PG-13) (2:10 4:50) 7:30 10:10<br>LOVE ACTUALLY (R) (11:05 2:20) 6:35 9:20                                                |
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Early in the development of cancer, normal cellular processes go awry, causing an overproduction of proteins that promote tumor growth. Proteomics uses a machine called a mass spectrometer to analyze proteins by identifying their molecular weight.

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SHARI ROAN (L.A. TIMES)

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There are a number of plyometric exercises that are perfect for skiers. Plyometric exercises — ones that spring-load the muscles — help



**SKIING HURTS:** Only basketball, football and cycling cause more injuries.

skiers develop the quick, explosive power needed to control skis. Good exercises include jump squats and running up stairs. To avoid over-

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Plyometrics can help build strong thighs. That's important because the thighs protect the knee, "which is probably the most injured joint while skiing," says Steven Ehasz, an exercise physiologist at the University of Maryland.

Skiers should also incorporate stretches and flexibility training into their pre-trip workouts. Stretching immediately before getting on the mountain is important, because "tight muscles really invite injury," ski patrol member Whitcomb says. He recommends 10 minutes of stretching before skiing.

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**GAMING** | The perfect hybrid would embody the best of both worlds. But Sony Corp.'s PSX, touted as a "cross-over" between video-game machine and consumer electronics component, barely manages to be a mere sum of its parts.

The PSX, which just went on sale in Japan, may sound like a good deal — it packs into one sleek box a DVD recorder, analog TV tuner and digital video and music player/recorder along with a PlayStation2 game console.

The machine, planned for overseas sales next year for a still undecided price, costs \$920 in Japan for a 250-gigabyte hard drive version, which can hold a few dozen movies, and \$740 for a 160 GB model.

The machine is considerably less attractive if you happen to be one of the nearly 63 million people in the world who already own a PlayStation2. One reason is the last-minute downgrade by Sony of some promised features.

The PSX was supposed to handle three standards for DVD recorders: DVD-R, DVD-RW and DVD+RW.



The Sony PSX doesn't quite have it all. But it does contain a PlayStation2.

But it won't handle DVD+RW at a time when compatibility is increasingly in demand. The product also won't process MP3 music files as had been promised.

Sony officials say they merely ran out of time for fine-tuning to ship the PSX before the end-of-the-year shopping rush as they had promised. They say such features will be added through downloads; the PSX is networked with a built-in Ethernet port. And they add that orders accepted at retailers in advance are going fine, although the company refused to disclose numbers. YURI KAGEYAMA (AP)

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**SAPF, 38, SEEKS** honest, sincere, good hearted, educated SW/APM, 35-48, N/S, who enjoys nature, music, for LTR. **✆**895164

**ARTISTIC DWF, 37**, curvaceous, blonde/green seeks another artist or writer who's an unconceited, loving S/DWM, 32-45, who enjoys togetherness. Open conversationalist is a good quality. **✆**804441

**FORMER MODEL, 27**, 5'10", 125lbs, African-American female, seeking male, 35-50, for friendship, fun and travel. **✆**72154

**SW TEACHER, 34**, is interested in all types of music (especially classical and 80s), and is looking for a man who stays active and cultured. **✆**753605

**SBF, 38, 6'**, 145lbs, fit, enjoys sports, movies, dining out, and travel. Seeking SWPM with similar interests. **✆**356120

**SF, 20, 5'4"**, 140lbs, black/brown, likes working out, reading, travel, sports, music. Seeking SHM, 21-30, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. **✆**641792

**SWF, 33, ATTORNEY**, new to area, tall, blonde/blue-green, Pisces, N/S, sports love, enjoys traveling and jazz clubs. Seeking tall PM, 34-44, N/S, dog a+. **✆**589833

**SBF, BROWN/BROWN, 31**, enjoys movies, walking on the beach. Seeking military SBM, 25-35. For casual dating. **✆**542926

**SOUTHERN GAL, 37 SBF 5'2"**, down to earth, enjoys concerts, movies, quiet times at home. Seeking SBPM, 35-45, for friendship and possible LTR. **✆**486549

**ATTRACTIVE, FULL FIGURED SBF**, 28, Leo, non smoker, who enjoys sports, outdoor activities and dancing. Seeking HM, 25-35, with similar interests. For friendship. **✆**453458

**DBF, 38, 5'5"**, 120lbs, enjoys walks, reading, traveling, music, the beach. Seeking honest, sincere man, for friendship first. **✆**440790

**BF, 35, TWO** children, looking for a SM, 35-50, 5'10"+, for friendship and conversation first, maybe leading to more. Must like children. **✆**387069

**38-YEAR-OLD SBF, MOTHER**, enjoys keeping busy and more. Looking to meet an independent, honest, affectionate, fun-loving SBM friend for the winter and beyond. Thrifty for life and good times? **✆**884369

**SINGLE MOM, SEXY**, outgoing female, 22, 6', 150lbs, light brown skin, sense of humor, loves basketball, football, video games. Seeking outgoing guy, sense of humor. **✆**828018

**JOYFUL AND LOVING SBCF**, 39, N/S, N/D, who is an encourager, humorous, ISO faithful SCM, 36-47, N/S, who's ready for friendship leading to possible marriage. **✆**815833

**OUTGOING, BLONDE, BLUE-EYED**, petite SWF, 38, enjoys British comedies, great museums, new places, good friends. Seeking fun-loving, family oriented, smart SWM. **✆**800372

**ATTRACTIVE, INTELLIGENT SWF**, 37, blonde, with sexy eyes and great legs, down-to-earth, fun-loving, and major football fan. Seeking SBM, 35-43, down-to-earth, for romance, possible LTR. **✆**633699

**SBF, 38, SAGITTARIUS**, mother, works at nursing home, laid-back, enjoys dining, movies, seeks man, 32-45, for friendship, possible romance. **✆**713900

**SBF, 35, IS** in search of a B/HM, for cuddling, long walks, nights on the town, and more if we make a connection. **✆**678150

**BLACK BEAUTY, 31**, 5'8", professional, retired model, well-read, well-traveled, outspoken, classy, intelligent, French-speaking exotic lady ISO tall, intelligent, secure WM, 35-55. Call now. **✆**648661

**SPACEY, SWEET, THIRTY-SOMETHING DWF** mom, 54", Pisces, seeks nice, intelligent, good-looking and patient brown/dark-haired WM, 30-46, with free time. **✆**589176

**ATTRACTIVE, EDUCATED SBF**, 36, Gemini, N/S, seeks WM, 36-40, N/S, who is educated, with no children, for LTR. **✆**852998

**PRETTY SWF, 34**, Leo, N/S, good morals and values, enjoys movies, nature, home life. Seeking Christian man, 33-45, for marriage and future family. **✆**267890

**LOVELY BCFP, MID-30S, 5'8"**, shapely, beautiful inside and out, classy, unpretentious, enjoys jazz, horseback riding, champagne, bubble baths, travel, romance. ISO tall, romantic BCPM, 34-48. **✆**807503

**SINCERITY IS MOST** important. DWF, 33, great sense of humor, seeks S/DWM, 38-50, a friend and confidante, for possible LTR. **✆**255090

**SBF, 39, N/S, 5'4"**, 130lbs, brown complexion, burgundy hair, RN, three children, enjoys movies, dining, quiet times, seeks woman, 29-50, for conversation, sharing special moments. **✆**802729

**RUSSIAN LADY, 35**, attractive inside and out, fit, educated, ISO SWPM, 36-45. Sincerity and honesty a must. Reliable, established, ambitious, interested in LTR. **✆**607135

**TALL, INDEPENDENT SWPF**, 37, enjoys books, gardening, cats, horses, country drives, theater, music, festivals, exploring nature, variety and romance. **✆**76826

**TALL, BEAUTIFUL, BLACK**, plus-sized professional female, 32, ISO tall professional male, 32-40, for dating. **✆**640310

**36-YEAR-OLD, AFRICAN-AMERICAN SF, 5'3"**, 150lbs, dark brown complexion, brown hair, no kids, laid-back, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, outdoor events, seeking gentleman, 35-40, with similar interests. **✆**673648

**AFRICAN LADY, SBF, 32, 5'9"**, looking for SM, 40+, race open, for long-term relationship. No games please. **✆**610855

**I'M EVERYWOMAN, COSMOPOLITAN SWPF**, 36, curly long brown/blue ISO financially secure, young-looking SWPM, 40-50, athletic build, who wants to share all life has to offer. **✆**610019

**EDUCATED SWF, 33**, N/S, big green eyes, nice smile, seeks SWM, 27-35, N/S, for LTR. **✆**822484

**FULL-FIGURED SBF, 26, 6'1"**, Taurus, seeks SBM, 25-35, 6+, who likes travel, sports, and quiet evenings at home, for LTR. **✆**284970

**SWCF, 59, 5'4"**, romantic, enjoys music, laughter, skiing, outdoors, dancing, traveling, sports, theater, arts, seeks man, 58-67, similar interests, introduce her to new interests. **✆**842555

**VERY ATTRACTIVE, 28-YEAR-OLD SBPF, 5'8"**, 175lbs, new to DC Metro area, loves travel, cooking, church. Looking for SBPM, 27-36, who can show me around town. **✆**808209

**EDUCATED, PROFESSIONAL SAF, 57**, seeks nice, intelligent, white gentleman, 57-65, with similar qualities. For LTR. **✆**686805

**22-YEAR-OLD SBF, 5'10"**, light complexion, curvaceous, attractive, recent college graduate, seeking SB/WM, 27-36, with similar interests, for companionship. **✆**716022

**SBF, 35, 5'3"**, high-spirited, full of positive energy, smoker, not afraid to shoot from the hip, seeks BM, 43-55, smoker, independent. **✆**752225

**PROFESSIONAL, TALL, SLIM, VEGAN**, real estate expert, swimming, biking. Seeking WIM, 35-50, with same interests. **✆**752691

**INTELLIGENT, INDEPENDENT, TRUSTWORTHY SBF**, 37, seeks down-to-earth, humorous, loving SWM, 28-40, who enjoys football, dining out, reading, movies, music and more. **✆**742806

**BLOND, OUTGOING SWF, 37, 5'6"**, athletic, outdoors, attractive. Seeking SPM, 35-55, with similar interest. For friendship first possible LTR. **✆**730510

**AFRICAN-AMERICAN SF, 27**, Aries, N/S, educator, tall, athletic, seeks African-American S/DM, 24-37, N/S, for sharing fun, dinner, movies, sporting events. **✆**727939

**ATTRACTIVE, INTELLIGENT SPF, 35, 5'4"**, slender, brown/green, enjoys art, playing piano, traveling, trying new things. Seeking handsome, tall, kind, honest SWPM, 30-40, N/S, for LTR. **✆**723814

**SBF, 24, LOVES** to play basketball, pool and watch other sports. Seeking a man to keep active and sharp with. **✆**718063

**CLASSY, FULL-FIGURED SBF, 27**, seeks mature, hands-on, down-to-earth SBM, wise sense of humor, 27-38, 225lbs, 5'10"+, for friendship and enjoying activities. Dating first, possible LTR. **✆**559393

**SFH, 31, LEO, N/S, 5'7"**, black/brown, open-minded, enjoys cooking, watching movies, spending time at home, seeks easygoing, fun, open-minded woman, 30-40. **✆**688239

**SACF, 30, SCORPIO**, seeks someone who is kind, sincerity and honesty a must, loving, good sense of humor, 30-40, for friendship, possible LTR. No games. **✆**644865

**OUTGOING SBF, PRE-SCHOOL** teacher interested in outdoor/nature activities, cultural/current events. **✆**667109

**ATTRACTIVE SB MOM, 33**, down-to-earth, caring, enjoys movies, dining, outdoors. Seeking honest, caring SM, 30-39, race open, for friendship first. **✆**393133

**PROWLING CARIBBEAN WOMAN**, SBF, 32, enjoys dancing, movies, play wrestling, holding hands and cuddling. Seeking loving, independent, honest, romantic, non-smoking SM, 32-40. **✆**646068

**24-YEAR-OLD SBF, 5'6"**, 120lbs, medium complexion and a great personality. Looking for a S/DM 26-35. I travel often but would like someone I could in enjoy my free time with. **✆**650047

**ATTRACTIVE, FUN-LOVING BPF, 35**, seeks handsome, professional male, N/S, for LTR. **✆**807562

**FEMALE SPORTS FAN**, SBPF, 37, enjoys working out, travel, cooking. Seeking SBPM, 32-42, N/S, with similar interests. **✆**449991

**CUTEY PIE**, SBF, 26, 5'11", with a caramel complexion and light eyes, wants to meet a man who appreciates a shapely woman. **✆**617959

**SBF, 31, CAPRICORN**, N/S, loves swimming, horseback riding, golf. Seeking BM, 23-36, for dating. What are your pastimes? **✆**584061

**NUBIAN PRINCESS, SBCPF, 35, 5'7"**, H/W proportionate, enjoys weekend trips, park walks, movies, outdoors. Seeking SBCM, 5'11"+, for companionship. **✆**767234

**SF, 30, ENJOYS** football games, baseball and hockey, beaches, mountains, hiking, fishing, outdoors, picnics, sunsets, holding hands. Seeking SWM, 28-40. **✆**524427

**VERY ATTRACTIVE, INTELLIGENT SWPF, 35**, brown/green, enjoys art, music, playing piano and trying new things. Seeking tall, handsome, kind SWPM, for LTR, family. **✆**488208

**SWPF, CHRISTIAN, 5'8"**, blonde/blue, easygoing, flexible, young-at-heart, loves kids (mine are grown). Likes fun and excitement. Seeks WPCM, 40+, for companionship. Possible LTR. **✆**500473

**SBPF, 38, 5'8"**, 140lbs, well-traveled, intelligent, attractive, friendly, enjoys concerts, dining, sports, romance. Seeking attractive, professional, secure SBM, 36-48, who works hard and plays hard. **✆**484588

**SBF, 39, PISCES**, N/S, seeks BM, 39-49, N/S, who is professional, and is honest. For a very serious relationship. **✆**407432

**VIBRANT, FULL-FIGURED SBF, 37, 6'**, enjoys theater, dining out, reading, and museums. Seeking SBM, 27-37, for LTR. Serious inquiries only, please. **✆**513337

**B/AF, 38, SEEKS** LTR, 5'2", size 16, wears it well. One child. Likes movies, comedy, walking, and sports events. Seeks tall, dark, strong, kind, honest man. **✆**548897

**EDUCATED, WORKING, 22-32**, tall, 6'2"+, dark SM sought, must enjoy dancing, good communication. **✆**653471

**COOL WORLD, GREAT-LOOKING SB** Taurus, 36, is passionate, loving, kind and looking for the same in a great guy. **✆**473074

**SBP MOTHER, 35**, N/S, is attractive, classy, honest, athletic, and seeking SBM, 38-45, who is secure, established, spiritual and honest. **✆**472850

**VERY OUTGOING SBF, 34, 5'3"**, 145lbs, fit, in search of sincere, kind gentleman, 29-39. I have too many interests to list here; call, we'll talk! **✆**469865

**SASSY SPF, 37**, N/S, enjoys working out, movies, travel, reading. Seeking mature SM, N/S, N/Drugs, with similar interests, to enjoy life with. **✆**439514

**ARE YOU THE** honorable, articulate, handsome, SBPM, 5'10+, 35-40, for this opinionated, outgoing, attractive, SBPF 38? Lets find out. **✆**412913

**SF, 34, LIKES** playing pool, biking, dining out, movies, clubs, quiet times at home. Seeking mature SM, 33-40, ready to be in a serious relationship. **✆**379878

**ATTRACTIVE SBF, 33, 5'11"**, medium build, enjoys music, dancing, movies, travel, sports. Seeking tall SBM, 30-40, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. **✆**344223

**IN SEARCH OF** an honest man with a good sense of humor and a love for children, for quality time with this SWF, 28. **✆**330886

**SBF, 36, SCORPIO**, I enjoy movies, outdoor activities. Seeking SBM, 36-48, for friendship first. Call me! **✆**316044

**SBF, 34, 6'0"**, light, skin, attractive, tall, slender, free-spirited, N/S. Seeking WM, 35-52, tall, romantic, financially independent for friendship and possible relationship. **✆**306329

**DBF, 38, 5'7"**, hard-working, business owner, single mom, seeks SBM, 38-45, 6+, honest, hard-working, romantic, responsible, for LTR. **✆**299267

**SBPF, 29, 5'3"**, 145lbs, very attractive, down-to-earth, great sense of humor, lots of fun, very intelligent. Seeking tall SM, 33-41, with similar qualities. **✆**304276

**SBF, 32, PISCES**, N/S, with kids, seeks SM, 32-60, who enjoys traveling, shopping, for dating, and LTR. **✆**293934

## Men Seeking Women

**SM, 44, LOVES** the simple things in life, and is looking for a woman to share them with, for dating, fun and LTR. **✆**93926

**SM, 21, 6'3"**, 235lbs, with a brown complexion, and a vibrant personality, seeks a woman for fun, adventure and romance. **✆**639399

**SB DAD, 30**, loves listening to all types of music, and wants to meet a woman who moves to her own beat, for romance and happiness. **✆**839885

**SM, 23, 5'6"**, with an open mind and a friendly disposition, seeks a woman to share hearts and minds. **✆**832896

**SBM, 38, LIBRA**, smoker, would like to ask out a BF, 40-55, smoker. Could you be the lucky one? **✆**832071

**HARD-WORKING SBM, 36, 5'10"**, 220lbs, Pisces, smoker, loves movies, dining out, sports, concerts. Seeking SF, 25-45, with similar interests, for possible romance. **✆**815664

**NICE-LOOKING, POLITE SWM, 64, 5'9"**, average build, Scorpio, N/S, likes reading, movies, dining out, travel. Seeking pretty, caring SWF, 50-75, N/S, for LTR. **✆**816261

**MEXICAN/FILIPINO SM, 25, 5'5"**, 131lbs, with bachelor's degree in government and politics, N/S, seeks HF, 18-26, N/S, for LTR. **✆**830608

**SBM, 61, 5'7"**, likes movies, parties, dining, walks in the park. Seeking SF, 35-49, who shares these interests. **✆**826066

**WHERE IS MY** soulmate? SM, 45, 5'8", light complexion, N/S, looking for a woman, 30-48, who likes diners, movies, and more. **✆**826463

**SBM, 38, SAGITTARIUS**, smoker, likes reading, movies, dining out, travel, long drives. Seeking outgoing, caring woman, 28-45, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. **✆**819066

**SBM, 23, GEMINI**, N/S, 5'11", 150lbs, transit police officer, baby face, moustache, 6'eburns, loves basketball, mops, shopping, walks in the park, seeks compatible SBF, 19-28. **✆**813372

**ROMANTIC, HONEST, KIND**, well-traveled male, 31, Capricorn, 6'4", into travel, photography, animals, the outdoors, seeks slender, honest, romantic woman, 18-45, for dating and meaningful relationship. **✆**813989

**SBM, 37, CAPRICORN**, smoker, warehouse manager, seeks woman, 27-40, smoker, who has a good head on her shoulders, knows what she wants. **✆**814545

**ROMANTIC SBM, 36, 5'8"**, Gemini, N/S, enjoys lifting weights, church, having fun, the beach, seeks woman, 30-40, N/S, similar interests. **✆**843879

**SBM, 18, YOUNG** and wise, seeks an intelligent and profound Christian sister. SBF, 18-29, to grow with friendship-wise, possibly more. **✆**842716

**SWPM, 30, 6'**, easygoing, intelligent, honest, sense of humor, enjoys travel, fitness, comedy, movies. ISO nice, intelligent SF, 22-32, for friendship, possible LTR. **✆**863007

**BLUE-COLLAR GUY, SWM, 37**, 180lbs, brown/blue, truck driver, with a great appreciation for animals, sports, music, and dancing. Seeks SW/H/A/F, 21-41, for friendship, above all. **✆**762305

**SBM, 28, 6'**, dark and handsome, ISO SBF, 23-33, loves movies, dinner, sports, romance. Smoking OK. Dating, possible LTR. **✆**821444

**SBM, 55, ENJOYS** soccer, reading, library, quiet times at home and movies. Seeking SF, 50-65, for friendship, possible marriage. **✆**841948

**ATHLETIC SM, 21**, just out of military, into weightlifting. Seeking woman, 21-25, 5'2"-5'10", thin build, very attractive, athletic, who likes movies, car trips, beaches. **✆**832196

**SM, 38, 5'11"**, wants to meet a woman who shares his love of movies, jazz clubs, bowling, all outdoor fun, and romance. **✆**825520

**SBM, 20, FATHER, 6'2"**, 160lbs, seeks woman, 18-28, for friendship for now. Fun times, conversation, good humor. **✆**812025

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**AFRICAN, 29-YEAR-OLD, ENERGETIC**, athletic, N/S, 5'10", fun-loving, active SBCM, 135lbs, loves soccer, tennis, golf sometimes, working out, hip hop, reggae. Seeking a lady-like SF. Friendship/LTR. **✆**789941

**SBCM, 37, 6'1"**, handsome, kind, thoughtful, a gentleman. Seeking SBCF, 34-39, N/S, who's kind, caring, sincere. Possible LTR. **✆**464896

**SBM, 35, WORKS** as a carpenter, and would love to meet a woman for fun, games, and conversation. **✆**757502

**VANILLA DREAMS. SWM, 35**, likes movies, dining, travel. ISO SWF, 25-45, with similar interests, for LTR. **✆**963107

**COMPLETE PACKAGE! HANDSOME**, smart, fit, 36-year-old SBM (mixed), w/great sense of humor and many interests. ISO dynamic partner. Race unimportant. **✆**622596

**ARAB-AMERICAN MALE, HANDSOME**, 30, polite, educated, muscular, brown/brown. Seeking Arabophile or curious woman for open-minded relationship. Body type, race, religion not important. **✆**661232

**SWM, 37, 5'11"**, average build, self-employed, Virgo, N/S, seeks woman, 50-73, for adventure, fun, dining out, and intelligent conversation. **✆**653040

**SBM, 30, SMOKER**, HIV+ is searching for a special SW/HF, 20-45, HIV+ to share quiet times at home and conversation, hopefully leading to a LTR. **✆**595495

**SBM, 33, CANCER**, N/S, seeks honest, sincere, hard-working SBF, 22-30, N/S, has goals and aspirations in life, has fun, friends first. **✆**834357

**SM, LIKES SPORTS**, jogging, movies. Seeking SF, 27-40, race open, for friendship, possibly more. **✆**834335

**SOUND INTERESTING? WM, 30**, looking for older lady, 45-65, who likes laughing, dinners in, movies at home, and just having fun! **✆**831630

**ATTRACTIVE, HUMOROUS HM, 23, 6'**, 180lbs, seeks attractive, petite SF, 18-28, for friendship first, possible LTR. **✆**818487

**IMAGINE STRONG ARMS** holding you, feeling safe and appreciated, knowing it's right. Attractive, athletic SWM, 59, emotionally literate, willing to take risks. ISO SF, 26-42. **✆**807745

**LAWYER, WEIGHTLIFTER, TRAVELER**. SWM, 35, enjoys long walks, old movies and shopping. **✆**962559

**ECLECTIC, ATHLETIC, ATTRACTIVE SWPM, 39, 6'**, 195lbs, with a sarcastic sense of humor, enjoys going to the beach or theater, and working out. **✆**781496

**SWM, 36, SEEKS SWF**, Pisces, Cancer or Capricorn, who is interested in building a new life together, with children, family, friends, love, romance, happiness. Simple. **✆**675394

**SBPM, 35, 6'3"**, with a caramel complexion and a football player's build, seeks a woman who stays active. **✆**649443

**LOOKS ARE UNIMPORTANT**. SBM, 37, looking for SBF, 37-42, for dating, and possible LTR. Prefer full-figured ladies. **✆**828894

**HANDSOME SBM, 32, 5'10"**, 173lbs, caramel complexion, ambitious, no children, well-educated, humorous. Seeking attractive, shapely, intelligent SF, 23-32, with great personality for companionship. **✆**824057

**SM, 32, WANTS** to meet a woman who loves being outdoors, seeing new places, shopping and just being with a great guy. **✆**825511

**SBM, 22, 6'**, with a warm heart, wishes to meet a woman who wants to be held, cuddled and loved. **✆**773510

**SBM, 31, 5'10"**, 186lbs, N/S, self-employed, seeks older woman, 30-55, N/S, possible relationship. **✆**822743

**MIDWESTERN GENTLEMAN SEEKS** Local Guide. Eclectic, artistic, engineer, seeks history minded S/DWF, 22-29, for fun in C.D. area. Friends first, LTR to follow. **✆**821791

**WPM, 26, LOVES** skiing, horseback riding, comedy clubs, dancing, sports, travel, Looking for caring, sweet, honest, affectionate female, 18-40. **✆**818123

**PROFESSIONAL SBM, 38, 5'10"**, handsome, romantic, honest, can cook a great meal, seeks SBF, 22-38, N/S, for LTR. **✆**816366

**GOOD-LOOKING SBM, 5'11"**, athletic build, 24, N/S, enjoys cooking. Seeking woman, 19-26, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. **✆**811207

**FANTASTIC GUY WILL** make life worth living. SBM, 23, Virgo, N/S, enjoys the cinema, outings, watching sports, going to night clubs, seeks compatible WF, 20-35. **✆**805028

**DWM, 37, 6'1"**, 200lbs, seeks voluptuous woman for fun, friendship and maybe more with time. **✆**799630

**SBM, 22, COLLEGE** student (studying engineering), country boy at heart, Taurus, smoker, seeks BF, 18-29, N/S, full-figured. **✆**746951

**AFFECTIONATE, HANDSOME SBM, 39**, tall and fit, romantic and humorous. ISO SWF, easygoing, sincere heart, affectionate. First ad with optimistic vision. **✆**29760

**WHERE ARE YOU?** Attractive, ambitious, caring, honest SIM, 26, seeks intelligent, cute SF, 22-28, who likes culture, city life and nice guys. **✆**728078

**SEEKING OLDER WOMAN!** Good-looking WM, 34, 6', 170lbs, slim build, clean-shaven, healthy, All-American, seeking older, sexy woman. **✆**603912

**ATTRACTIVE SWM, 33, 6'1"**, 165lbs, hazel/brown, nice smile. Enjoys movies, dancing, Blockbuster nights, walks, comedy clubs. Seeking interracial dating with /SF, slim/medium build, 25-34, 5'3"+. **✆**549095

**ACTIVE YET LAID-BACK SWM**, young-looking 39, N/S, loves outdoor activities, dining, travel, seeks SAF, 30-39, N/S, to share walks, conversation, friendship, maybe more? **✆**561840

**HONEST, ROMANTIC, WELL-TRAVELED**, kind WM, 31, 6'4", brown/blue, into travel, photography, animals, the outdoors. Seeking a lady, 18-39, for dating, possibly leading to LTR. **✆**439563

**DWM, 27, 5'7"**, 165lbs, brown/hazel, good-looking, single dad of two daughter, hoping to meet a nice woman to settle down with, for friendship, possible LTR. **✆**340859

**SWM, 27, 6'3"**, 170lbs, is in great shape and well-educated. Seeking a lady with high morals and a good heart. **✆**334448

## Men Seeking Men

**SBM, 18, 5'11"**, 150lbs, N/S, seeks nice, easygoing BM, 18-20, N/S, to talk to and get to know. Give me a call. **✆**823408

**MALE, 34, 5'7"**, 130lbs, black/brown, brown-skinned, Pisces, seeks a man, 30-something for dating, possibly more. **✆**805754

**SHTV, 25, VERY** nice, enjoys movies, plays. Seeking attractive SH/MTV, 18-23, very nice-looking, for friendship first or possible LTR. TV's only reply, Virginia area only. **✆**813071

**GAM, 5'4"**, 115lbs, black/brown, good sense of humor, enjoys movies, nature walks, quiet evenings at home. Looking for outgoing man, 25-37, with similar interests. **✆**816000

**SBM, 34, LOVES** to read good books, listen to rap and old-school music. Seeking a woman to meet and get to know over dinner. **✆**760316

**WINCHESTER, VA, PROFESSIONAL**, in-shape SGWM, 35, seeks same, 25-40, for friendship, possible LTR. **✆**668189

**HANDSOME, QUIET BKM, 18**, light-skinned, dark hair, light eyes, with friendly disposition, fan of springtime, pizza, Bruce Lee films. Looking for similar, older GWM, 18-35. **✆**728639

**GWPM, 38, 6'5"**, 180lbs, educated, enjoys classic cars, travel, dining out, custom made clothing, finer things in life, seeking committed relationship with SWM, 35-65. **✆**479008

**SWM, 27, ENJOYS** R&B, rap, and other kinds of music. Seeking a man who moves to his own beat, for a good relationship. **✆**825814

**30-ISH SBM, HOT!** Seeking others who desire a serious relationship only. You - also Hot! **✆**820078

**MASCULINE, ATHLETIC, INTELLIGENT** WM, 30s, stable, blond/blue, 6, 220, into mountains, beaches, cycling, film, music, pubs, sports, life. Seeking similar bud. **✆**818508

## Women Seeking Women

**TAKE-CHARGE BF, 24**, seeks a woman who is free of baggage, and is in touch with both her spiritual side and her fun side. **✆**822637

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# People

## BELATED EXCUSES

### 'Too Available'

**BEN AFFLECK** admitted that he and Jennifer Lopez are partly to blame for the media circus surrounding their wedding plans because they made themselves "too available." Meanwhile, the actor played with a dolphin at Bahrain's U.S. Navy base on Monday. Affleck visited the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise to preview his new film, John Woo's "Paycheck." (AP)



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## MORE EXCUSES

### Jack White: 'Self-Defense'

White Stripes lead singer **JACK WHITE** was charged Monday in Detroit with aggravated assault after a fight with the lead singer of another band. White went to a police precinct early Sunday morning and gave a statement saying he struck Von Bondies lead singer

Jason Stollsteimer in self-defense during a Dec. 13 fight. Stollsteimer,



25, told police that White had punched him seven times in the face. Police said Stollsteimer's right eye was bruised and swollen and he was bleeding from his nose. (AP)

## FOOTBALL

### Namath a Kissing Fool

**JOE NAMATH's** interview on ESPN was cut short when the former Jets quarterback gave curious answers to sideline reporter Suzy Kolber's questions. Namath, 60, was at the Patriots-Jets game Saturday night as the Jets celebrated their 40th anniversary team. Asked by Kolber about what the team's struggles meant to

him, Namath replied: "I want to kiss you." Kolber responded to Namath's comments by saying "Thanks, Joe. A huge compliment."



He concluded by repeating: "I want to kiss you." "Based on Joe's response to the second question, we concluded the interview expeditiously," the network said. (AP)



DAN PELED/AP

## INFANTS

### A Chrismukkah Miracle

**DANIELLE SPENCER**, wife of **RUSSELL CROWE**, gave birth to a baby boy. Charles Spencer Crowe was born Sunday night, weighing 6 pounds 2 ounces, said Crowe's Australian publicist Wendy Day. "He's a healthy, bouncing baby boy looking forward to Christmas," Day said. (AP)

## HEARSAY | CULTURE SHOCK



"I was a little bit surprised that someone in America can be released from their [bail] condition of not traveling abroad in order to launch a CD."

—BRITISH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER JOHN PRESCOTT  
ON MICHAEL JACKSON'S EXPECTED VISIT TO BRITAIN

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Today  
Hi **58**  
Lo **46**



Wed.  
Hi **56**  
Lo **30**



Thurs.  
Hi **44**  
Lo **28**



Fri.  
Hi **48**  
Lo **30**



Sat.  
Hi **50**  
Lo **36**



**UV Index (for solar noon)**  
2 out of 10, minimal

**Air Quality Index (AQI)**  
AQI Today: Not available

**Pollen Index (Yesterday)**  
Reading: Main offender: Not available

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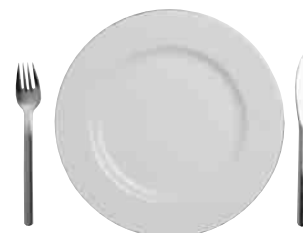
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# Playback

## Letters

### TO THE EDITOR

THE PROBLEM WITH METRO doors closing on people is caused by the selfishness and stupidity of the people involved ("Metro to Keep Doors Open Longer," Dec. 22). They hear the warning, they see the doors begin to close and they jam themselves into the doorway anyway.

This sort of behavior is not a problem in the Paris Metro. I don't think it's because the French are inherently brighter than we are; I think it has something to do with the way Paris Metro doors slam shut. Nobody in his right mind sticks an arm or leg into a Paris Metro door when it's closing.

Maybe our Metro should consider increasing the force with which doors close. Or put spikes along the edge? Just a thought.

—DANE GLEASON  
Washington, D.C.

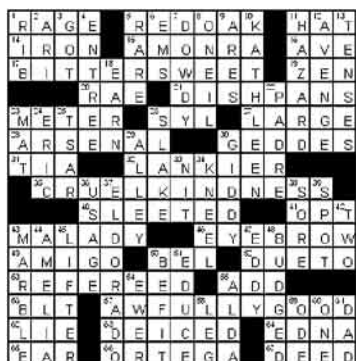
I WAS DISAPPOINTED in your response to the reader desiring a happier horoscope (Dec. 19). When it comes to astrology, you do not "relay the news" and the stars do not "do the writing." I cannot understand how any newspaper of integrity can continue to support the pre-scientific fiction of divination by the stars and planets.

—R. CRAIG HARMAN  
Vienna, Va.

### WRITE TO EXPRESS

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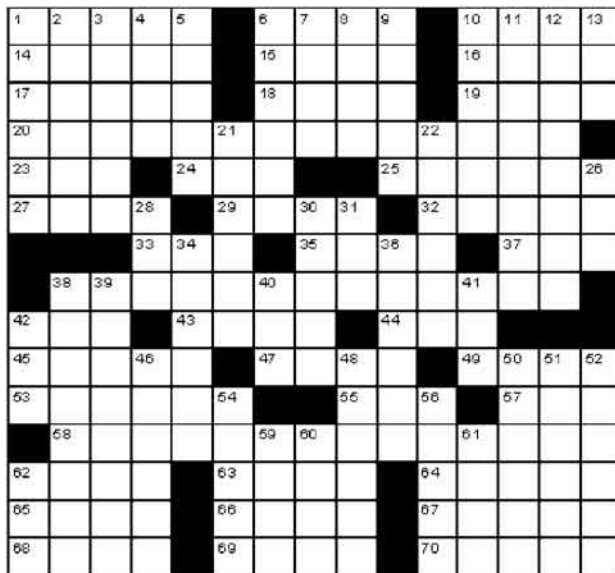
### Yesterday's Solution



### Crossword Puzzle: Fire Starter | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

#### ACROSS

- 1 Cookie ingredient, sometimes
- 6 Cup o' joe
- 10 Some gridiron players
- 14 It may come out of the closet
- 15 Shoshoneans
- 16 "\_\_\_ seems"
- 17 Sleep disorder
- 18 Meddlesome
- 19 WWII weapon
- 20 Arouses curiosity
- 23 Indy area
- 24 "Xanadu" rock gp.
- 25 Some choir members
- 27 Ooze
- 29 Celestial bear
- 32 Certain grape sodas
- 33 "A Midsummer Night's Dream" character
- 35 View from Sandusky, Ohio
- 37 World Series mo.
- 38 Test one's intellectual mettle
- 42 Relative's nickname
- 43 Bailiff's bellow
- 44 Name a price



- 45 Prestigious award
- 47 Half of a '50s sitcom couple
- 49 Neutral hue
- 53 Christmas purchase, perhaps
- 55 Pencil parking place
- 57 Turned chicken
- 58 Weightless
- 62 Forbidden perfume?
- 63 Condo, e.g.
- 64 Tightly packed
- 65 Experts
- 66 Bit of reality?
- 67 April 1st baby, e.g.
- 68 Avian home
- 69 Sommer of films
- 70 Friars' fete

#### DOWN

- 1 Necklace parts
- 2 Flower child
- 3 Natural
- 4 Jury member
- 5 Blockage remover
- 6 Former sophomore
- 7 Loads
- 8 Sleeveless garment
- 9 So far
- 10 Ancient ascetic
- 11 Could be better
- 12 "The Blue Angel" star
- 13 RR depot
- 21 Like melting snow
- 22 Regenerates
- 26 Jet set jet
- 28 Way to stand
- 30 Take by force
- 31 Creative result
- 34 Burn
- 36 Book before Jeremiah
- 38 Lose
- 39 Arrogates
- 40 Become altared?
- 41 '50s nickname
- 42 Distress call
- 46 Calendar page
- 48 Parlor piece
- 50 Head cases?
- 51 Poker plays
- 52 Riotous state
- 54 Liszt's "Paganini \_\_\_"
- 56 Kind of screen
- 59 Carbon compound
- 60 Take a chance on
- 61 Peter on the ivory
- 62 Work on hides

### The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



### Horoscope | Stella Wilder

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — A distraction must not keep you from pursuing your immediate goal. Take time out to refocus and regain perspective.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — A secret may come out which requires you to come clean. You'll be better off, and wiser.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — You can be unusually creative even while performing the most menial or mundane tasks. The results will surprise and impress others.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — You can capitalize on your own recent mistakes — thanks to a turning tide that opens up more doors and opportunities for you.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — You may have

to start making apologies even before you've offended someone in some way — but don't be sheepish.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — Don't give up or give in prematurely. There is still some fight left in you. Be willing to give it all you've got.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — How it sounds and how it looks may prove more important in the long run than what it really means. Image, then, proves ever more important.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Matters of the heart demand attention. You've been turning away from your own feelings lately, and it's time to get reconnected.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Though you still have work to do at this time, you may be able to let up just enough that you guard against illness — or disenchantment.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — You may be impatient with loved ones who are slow to get with the program. Take the time to explain just what you're after — and why.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — You may be somewhat out of step. Stay close to those who seem to be more on track than you are. You can get the guidance you need.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — You're going to want to get the whole story from someone you trust, especially after others volunteer information to begin with.

### LIVE ONLINE

## Antique Toys

From [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline)

Appraiser **TIM LUKE** of PBS's "Antiques Roadshow" was online Monday to discuss collecting toys for the holidays.

### What toys currently in circulation do you expect to become collectible in the future?

This is a question that I receive a lot. My standard answer is that I am an appraiser but not an oracle. It is difficult to predict these things. The toys that have, over the course of the past 10 years, proven to increase in value are as follows: cast-iron mechanical banks, Steiff bears and French bisque dolls.

### We are restoring several antique rocking horses for individuals. How far would you recommend a good restoration go? We do not think they should ever look brand new.

Correct. My rule of thumb is always preservation first — to preserve the wood, paint, leather, etc., in good condition to help keep the longevity of the piece. It should never look brand new.

### Do you think that shows like "Antiques Roadshow" actually hurt the value of certain collectible items? It seems people are purchasing things like action figures without any intention of playing with them, but keeping them only for their anticipated future value.

Shows like "Antiques Roadshow" actually help the market overall because an informed collector can make better decisions in spotting trends within the market, how to collect and what to collect.

As far as action figures and toys, due to the mass marketing nature of the toys produced in the millions today, it will take a long time for these items to appreciate in value. You may be looking at your great-grandchildren inheriting these action figures before they appreciate, in my opinion. The nature of toys increasing in value is due to three major characteristics — rarity, condition and desirability. These drive the prices of collectibles.

### Today on Live Online

3 P.M.: Christie Hefner, chairman and CEO of Playboy Enterprises, discusses the 50th anniversary of Playboy magazine.

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